

## **Day 1 Skit – Dem Bones**

**Patrick: (Singing Loudly and badly as he dances in a silly way)** Dem bones, dem bones, gonna walk around. Dem Bones, dem bones, gonna walk arou.....

**Will: (Laughing with him)** Wow, you sure have the moves, Patrick!

**Melody: (Flatly)** Yeah, you look ridiculous.

**Patrick:** Ridiculous? I guess I do; but, Melody, it's fun! Dem bones, Dem bones gonna walk around...

**Melody: (frowns and crosses her arms, looking sad/mad)**

**Will:** Uh, Patrick... she's not amused.

**Patrick:** Oh, Melody, what's wrong? You usually love my dancing.

**Will:** Yeah, Melody, usually you would be singing right along with him.

**Melody:** Well, I don't know if I should tell you this. I am afraid you won't like to hear it.

**Patrick:** Yes we would, we're your friends, Melody.

**Will:** Yeah, We are here to listen. If something is bothering you, we want to know so we can help.

**Melody:** Ok, well, lately, ever since I heard about a friend of mine who has a really bad broken ankle. I just haven't felt like praising God. It feels like He's not even there. And those silly songs with all that joy just make me feel worse. I feel kind of like those dry bones in the story.

**Patrick:** I'm sorry, Melody. I know it hurts to worry about a friend.

**Will:** Yes, that's kind of how I felt when my mom was in the hospital. We all feel sadness and doubt at times. Sometimes I felt like God had just moved away.

**Patrick:** But you know what? Here's something I've heard. "If you feel like God is far away, guess who moved?"

**Melody:** What's that supposed to mean?

**Will:** Yeah, Patrick, what does that mean?

**Patrick:** Well, it means that God is always with us, in good times and bad times. He never leaves us. It's us that step away from Him. In the Bible Jesus says, "I am with you always, even to the very end."

**Will:** My pastor last week told us when we feel God is far away, we need to come near to God and He will come near to us. He said that's a promise from God!

**Patrick:** That's right Will, and we know God always keeps His promises.

**Melody:** You mean, I can get back to feeling close to God again?

**Patrick:** Sure.

**Melody:** But how do I do it?

**Patrick:** First, pray. Ask God to bring you comfort and peace. Ask Him to show you He is there. God can raise you up again just like He did with Dem Bones Dem Bones in Ezekiel. We can have hope again.

**Will:** Yeah, and you can hang out with other Christians who can encourage you...like us!

**Melody: (smiles and laughs)**

**Patrick:** Hey, let's pray with Melody and for her friend right now. (They hold hands. Patrick walks forward and talks to the congregation). You can pray with us too.

"Dear God, thank you for your promise to always be with us. Give Melody Your peace and joy. And let Melody's friend know you are near. Amen.

**Melody:** Thanks everyone. I feel a little better already. Now I am ready to sing that silly song...(The three dance as they sing: **Dem bones, dem bones gonna walk around (3X) Now hear the Word of the Lord...**)"

**(You may want to have the words up on a screen for all to see.)**

**"Dem Bones" YouTube link with music and lyrics.**

**<https://youtu.be/oRisIj0Scuc>**

